



CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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To all in our Catholic school communities

I am writing to you in response to the sudden death of Father Joseph Tran, a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Perth who ministered to many in our school communities. I know that the reported circumstances of his death have caused deep distress and concern for many of us.

When I first heard the news about the allegations against Father Tran on Friday 22 March my heart immediately went out to the child, her family and the families of those directly involved. My second thought was for all of you, especially our staff, students and parents who feel a deep connection to Father Tran. Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) is providing pastoral and psychological support to our school communities.

The care and wellbeing of our students is always our highest priority. All schools have stringent policies and systems to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students. For further information please refer to our Child Safe Framework <https://childsafce.cewa.edu.au>

CEWA has never received any complaints or allegations in relation to Father Tran's conduct. I urge any person who has information regarding the safety and wellbeing of our students to contact the CEWA Child Safe Team or the Police directly.

CEWA Child Safe Team: 6380 5134  
WA Police: 131 444

For those seeking additional support in relation to these matters I refer you to the following options:

CEWA Psychology Team: 6380 5422  
Lifeline: 13 11 14  
Beyond Blue: 1300 22 46 36

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr Debra Sayce".

Dr Debra Sayce  
Executive Director